

The Daily Courant.

Thursday, March 16 1704

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated March 18.

Basil, March 9.

THE Canton of Zug have declar'd, that they are resolv'd to levy for Savoy 1400 Men, being their Share of the Number which the Roman Catholick Cantons are oblig'd, by their Alliance, to furnish to his Royal Highness: The Roman Catholick Part of the Canton of Glaris, the Canton of Underwald, and that of Schwitz, are about to begin their Levies for the same Service, and the rest of the Roman Catholick Cantons will in all likelihood follow their Example. General Reding the Duke of Savoy's Agent, and Monsieur de Mellaredé his Royal Highness's Envoy, are both at Lucern. The Agents and Friends of France are not a little disturb'd, to see all the Expence and Pains taken on their side to prevent these Levies, render'd fruitless. At present they are endeavouring to obtain new Levies for the 2 Crowns; to this end they offer good Terms, and the Marquess Beretti promises divers Pensions on the part of Spain. We impatiently expect the return of the Express dispatch'd to the Court of France by the Marquess de Puisieux, to know the King's Determination touching the Neutrality of Savoy.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 22.

Bern, March 12. Major General Reading's Secretary is gone Post to Turin, with the News that the Roman Catholick Cantons have absolutely agreed to furnish Troops to the Duke of Savoy, and that the 2400 Men which his Royal Highness has demanded to be first sent to him, will forthwith be rais'd publicly. The French Ambassador, who did his utmost to prevent this, has dispatch'd a Courier in all haste to inform the Court of France of it. This good Disposition of the Roman Catholick Cantons, has quicken'd the Zeal of the best Patriots of our Canton, and confirm'd them in their Resolution to obtain a Neutrality for Savoy at any Rate. The Regents of this City have written a Letter to those of Zurich, to propose, in case the French delay to give a Satisfactory Answer to the Demand made by the late Diet at Solothurn on this Subject, that a General Assembly may be held to take a final Resolution on this important Affair. The French lay waste the Country of Savoy in a terrible manner, foreseeing they must be forc'd to leave it. Monsieur de Mellaredé has answer'd the Speech and Memorial deliver'd by the Marquess de Puisieux to the Diet at Solothurn the 18th and 22d of last Month, in the following Memorial address'd to the Helvetic Body.

Most Illustrious and most puissant Lords!

YOU well remember, no doubt, that when I had the Honour to inform you, on the part of his Royal Highness my Master, of the violent unjust and unheard of Proceeding of the King of France against him, I observ'd to you, that if he treated in such a manner a Prince so closely united to him by Blood, and to whose Alliance he owes all he is possess'd of in Italy; you could not hope to be us'd more gently, nor doubt he will greedily catch at all Occasions of treating you with his usual Haughtiness and Rigour. I find, with great Grief, that I foresaw but too clearly the Usage you were to expect from him: 'Tis true, he has not yet seiz'd your Troops that are in his Service; he is in too much need of them to support him against the Efforts of the many Enemies his Ambition

has drawn upon him; and as he owes his Grandeur to the Intrepidity of your Troops, so he is unable to maintain it without their Assistance. But he takes another way to bring you into a Necessity of receiving Laws from him: He has resolv'd to endeavour to shut you up in such a manner, that he may have it in his Power at once to enter your Territories on all sides, to ravage them, to be absolute Master of your Commerce, to stop the Importation of whatever you are indispensibly oblig'd to draw from other Countries for your Subsistence, to reduce you to a Necessity of employing your Men in his Service only, and that on such Conditions as he shall please to impose on you; and, finally, to possess himself of all the Passages by which other Potentates of Europe might succour you. All these Designs are not only very discernible, but the Marquess de Puisieux has discover'd them to you in an imperious Manner; not like an Ambassador of a King who is your Ally and owes every thing to you, but like the Ministers of France, with just that Haughtiness they always shew, when they imagine they may venture to do what they please.

The Knowledge I have of the sincere Affection of his Royal Highness my Master for your laudable Body; my respect and Veneration for a Republick, that by a thousand glorious Actions, has acquir'd an universal Esteem; the Marks of Kindness with which you have been pleas'd to honour me, since my Prince sent me to you; all these Considerations will not suffer me to observe the Carriage of France towards you, without a deep Concern, nor without feeling that Warmth of Resentment which such Proceedings ought to kindle in you.

I will not renew your trouble, by looking into the past Conduct of France towards you, and instancing how insupportable it has been: Nor could I be particular on that Subject, without making a Volume. But, give me Leave, most illustrious and most puissant Lords, to examine so much of their Proceedings as relates to Savoy. You know they had done little against that Dutchy, when you solicited them so earnestly, and for so many Reasons, to agree to a Neutrality for it; at that time they were Masters but of a very small part of it, only what was contiguous to France; but finding you grew more alarm'd as the Danger you apprehended of being surrounded on all sides increas'd, they reckon'd that out of a fit regard to your own preservation, you would take vigorous Measures to prevent the Mischief that threaten'd you; they therefore resolv'd to push on, and to be too quick for those Measures, by seizing (while you were making Representations to them) as much of Savoy as they could: They imagin'd it would be easier to persuade you, to let them keep that Country when once they had invaded it; than to dissuade you from taking care to defend it, while you should see it in the Hands of its lawful Sovereign.

This Memorial is very long; what we have now given of it, is properly an Introduction to the rest, which shall be found in the next two Courants.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated March 21.

Paris, March 12. The Marshals de Villeroy and Villars are gone to Marli to day to take leave of his Majesty: Their Departure for Flanders is fix'd to the 18th. There is a talk that Monsieur Orri, who was sent to Spain to introduce the French Oeconomy into the publick Offices of the Revenue of that Kingdom,

dom, is fled into Portugal; of which (if true) we may expect a particular Account by the next Letters from Madrid. A Sub-Brigadier and 8 Mousquetairs are appointed to conduct the Ambassador of Savoy to Antibes, where he is to be exchanged for Monsieur de Phelypeaux our Ambassador. The Discourte continues, that we shall have a great Naval Force at Sea this Summer, both in the Ocean and the Mediterranean.

Hague, March 21. The Corps of General Coehorn, who died here the 9th instant, will be carried to Leeuwarden to be interred among his Ancestors. To day my Lord Cuts went from hence, to take a Review of the English Troops garrison'd in Gorcum, Worcum, Breda, and other Places. The Count of Athlone, Brigadier, is gone to Gelderland (in the stead of Count Tilly who has been indispos'd for some time) to take a Review of the Dutch Cavalry quarter'd in the upper part of that Country and in Overysfel; whither Major General Heuckelom is gone likewise to view the Dutch Infantry. The Duke of Marlborough, with the English General Officers and others, is expected here by the end of this Month at furthest; in order to open the Campaign early. The Letters from the Frontiers assure us, the Enemy are making mighty Preparations, and tho' 'tis not yet known what Enterprize they have in view, 'tis not doubted they will very speedily put themselves in Motion. The French have begun again to cannonade and bombard the Fort of Doel; but we do not look upon that Place to be in any Danger of falling into their Hands.

Yesterday Stocks were as follows, Bank no Transfer. Shares 30 & 3 qrs. Old Comp. 133 & 3 qrs. New Comp. 235. Million Bank 91 & a half. Sword Blades 91. African 20 & 3 qrs. Army Debentures 83 & 1 qr.

In yesterday's Courant, about the middle of the 2d Column, for at Catalonia read from Catalonia.

The Grand Jury for London made the following Presentment last Sessions, for which the Court return'd them Thanks.

To the Right Honourable Sir John Parsons, Kt. Lord Mayor of the City of London, and other Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at the Sessions held at the Old-Baily, March 9. 1703-4. And in the Third Year of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne.

WE the Grand Jury for the City of London, serving for this present Sessions, in Obedience to the Charge given us by this Honourable Court, and in compliance with the Oath we have taken, do think our selves obliged to take notice of a certain Scandalous and Seditious Pamphlet, entitled, *Heraclitus Ridens*, (sold in this City, and dispersed in most publick Houses thereof) as being of Dangerous Consequence, tending to foment Divisions, and debauch the Minds and Manners of Her Majesty's Subjects, increasing Profaneness and Immorality, in contempt of Her Majesty's Proclamation for suppressing the same Evils: And more particularly, lately one of the said Pamphlets, dated the 29th of February last; and another dated the 4th of this present March, full of Scurrilous and base Reflections on some of this Honourable Court (one, to wit, Sir Robert Jefferys lately dead.) And also on Members of the High Court of Parliament, principally for their Zeal in promoting the Work of Reformation in and about this City, in pursuance of the Duty of their Office, tending to the great Scandal of all well-disposed Persons, and discouragement of all good Magistrates in the discharge of the Duty of their Places and Stations.

We do therefore present the said Pamphlet to your Lordship and this Honourable Court, as very Evil (and Pernicious to our necessary Peace and Union) and pray that some Effectual Method may be taken for suppressing the same, and bring the Author and the Publisher thereof to condign Punishment.

Being the Sixth time of Acting it.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Thursday being the 16th of March, will be presented a Play call'd, *The Albion Queens*, or, *The Death of Mary Queen of Scotland*. And by reason of the extraordinary

Charge in the Decoration of it, the Prices are rais'd, Boxes 5 s. Pit 3 s. first Gallery 2 s. upper Gallery 1 s. Being the Tenth time of Acting it.

AT the New Theatre in Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields, this present Thursday being the 16th of March, will be presented the last new Play call'd, *Liberty Asserted*.

LOST the 15th of March (supposed to be stole by a Basket-woman) a Silver Tankard old fashion'd holding a Quart and half a Pint, with J. F. M. on the handle, and, *The Gift of M. F. to S. L. Jun.* grav'd on the bottom. If offer'd to be Sold, Pawn'd or Valued, be pleas'd to stop it and the Party, and give notice to Mr. John Jenkins Goldsmith in Lombardstreet, and you shall have a Guinea Reward.

AT the Blue-Anchor-Inn in Duck-lane, this present Thursday, continue the Sale of a curious Collection of Books, most Gilt and Letter'd on the back, the Prices of each Book being put on the first Leaf. With Pamphlets and Sermons to pick at reasonable Rates.

This day the curious Prints by the most eminent Masters, in the *Appendix Bibliotheca Ornatiſſima*, with a farther Addition of Prints and Drawings, will continue to be Sold, at the Temple-Change Coffee-house in Fleet-street, where Catalogues thereof may be had. At the same place is a collection of Original and other curious Paintings to be sold by hand, with the Masters Name and Price upon each Painting. Which may be view'd and bought at any time of the day, constant Attendance being given for that purpose.

This day is publish'd.

AN Essay towards the Probable Solution of this Question. Where those Birds do probably make their Recess and Abode, which are absent from our Climate at some certain Times and Seasons of the Year. By a Person of Learning. Printed for Sam. Crouch at the corner of Pope's-Head-Alley over against the Royal Exchange.

There is now publish'd,

MR. Burchett's Justification of his Naval Memoirs. In Answer to Reflections made by Col. Collingston, On that part which relates to Cape Francois and Port de Paix. With some short Observations on our West-India Expeditions. Sold by John Nutt near Stationers-Hall. Where may be likewise had the said Naval Memoirs.

LOST or stolen on Wednesday the 8th instant, our of Savage Garden near Great-Tower-Hill, a Shock Dog all white and very hairy, of a small size. Whoever gives notice of him to Burchett's Coffee-house in Crutcher-Frier's, so as he may be had again, shall have 10s. Reward.

††† A Doctor in Physick, Cures all the Degrees, and Indispositions, in Venereal Persons; and by a most easie, safe, and expeditious Method: He likewise gives his Advice in all Diseases, and Prescribes a Cure. Dr. Harborough (a Graduate Physician) in Great Knight-Riders-Street, near Doctors-Commons.

Whereas on March the 6th and 11th inst. several People were couch'd of Cataracts for Charity and immediately brought to sight by Dr. WILLIAM READ the Approved Oculist, at his House in Durham-Tard in the Strand, which Operations were so well and successfully perform'd, without pain or much confinement, in the presence of Sir Edmond King Collegiate Physician, to his great Satisfaction, that he was pleas'd as a mark of his Favour (for encouraging so curious an Art) to present Dr. Read with a Set of Gold couching Needles. The said Dr. Read daily gives Advice and cures all curable Distempers incident to the Eyes, and several lately that have been injur'd by Women and suchlike Impostors, as appear by daily complaints. He also takes off all Wens, Excreſcences, Cancers, and cures double or single Hair Lips without Deformity, and cures wry Necks tho' never so much contracted; he extracts the Polypus in the Nose, and hath lately taken a Wen from a Gentlewoman weighing 24 pounds, with several others, and cancerated Breasts, which he hath by him, without any effusion of Blood, after the application of his famous Stryptick Water, which all People may be furnish'd with at his House abovemention'd.